Monday, December 10, 1860.

If any of our subscribers fail to receive heir papers regularly, we hope they will notify us of the fact without delay, that we may call the attention of the carriers to the neglect.

INCENDIARY PAPERS-THE BALTI-MORE SUN.

As no people are so profoundly interested in the preservation of the Union as the citizens of the District, they will be prompt to exert their influence in all things, great and small, in putting down disunion. And one measure of no small importance, will be a withdrawal, by a concerted unanimity, of all patronage from disunion newspapers.

We have one such published in the District itself, the Constitution, but as that has little circulation here, or anywhere else, it is beyond popular reach, and must be left to die with the corrupt administration which sustains it.

The Baltimore Sun has a very large circula tion in the District, as many as five thousand. Our peaple are justly incensed with its daily preaching of disunion, all the more dangerous for being insidious. There is, we believe, no division of opinton among our citizens, in reprobating its course. And yet, from indolence, and to avoid the trouble, although not great, of stopping subscriptions, its circulation falls off but little. This ought not to be so. We have too much at stake, not to discharge so obvious a duty as the withdrawal of patronage from sheets which, like the Sun, give daily currency to sentiments which, if carried out, will annihilate the value of property in this city. Let every good citizen cease to take, or read, the Sun, and regard himself as a Vigilance Committee man, to admonish his neighbors not to touch or handle it.

#### ENGLAND AND SLAVERY.

In his letter of the 3d instant, to the Rich mond Enquirer, Mr. Secretary Floyd gives the alayeholders some seasonable and much-needed warning, against the folly of taking themselves out of the protection of the Union, and thus exposing themselves to the pitiless storm of hatred with which all Christendom regards negro slavery.

Mr. Flord save:

It is a fatal error to suppose that the interest of England would prompt her to foster the planting interests of the South. From the Prince Consort, who sat silently by and wit ed the deliberate insult of an American Minister by a British peer before the congre-gated intelligence of all Christendom, simply because slavery existed in the United States, down to the wretched cockney himself, forty times the slave to suffering and circumstances beyond what any negro is to law—there is not an Englishman who does not in his heart abhor slavery, if he does not also abhor the country where it exists.

The South can never count upon the friend ship of England, or upon her toleration of evils not her own. Once within the reach of her not her own. Once within the reach of her power, she will fix upon us forever the very badge of inferiority which we are now ready to destroy the Union to escape; and will foster our products so far, and so far only, as may be lutely necessary to supply her wants. Eng land would insist upon making good her record upon the slavery question. To sacrifice the nterests of a class, or even to starve to death few hundred thousand of her subjects in th laudable task, would constitute a very small obstacle to her policy."

The following extract from an article in the London Saturday Review will teach the Gulf States what they have to expect in the way of forbearance from England towards their projects of extending slavery on the side of Mex

"What sort of division of the unsettled territory now belonging to the United States would ever be agreed upon between the Northern and Southern Federations, nobody can pretend ever to conceive; and this is the very difficulty which seems to show that the severance could never effected without bloodshed. be effected without bloodshed. It is plain, however, that every attempt of the Southern States to expand beyond the territory absolute-ly secured to them, would be resisted, not sim-ply by their Northern neighbors, but by the whole strength of European civilization. more reckless spirits of the South are pushing on their quarrel, in the belief, that if they were once disembarrassed of the Union, they could rend province after province from Mexico, and fill each successive acquisition with their slaves. But Europe would have a word in the matter. It is simply the incorporation of the North with the South, which prevents European statesmen from treating the annexations of the United States as avowed extensions of the area of slavery. They cannot now upbraid a Confederacy, of which more than half the members have no slaves, with conquering and annexing merely in the interest of cotton and negroes, but there would be no scruple about taxing the Southern Federation with designs which it would be at no pains to conceal. Nor is there, we take it, the slightest doubt that the free States would the slightest doubt that the free States would rather assist than impede the efforts of European diplomacy. The Monroe doctrine would be destroyed by the very fact of separation, and a Northern Union, once divided from the South, would not be long in making the discouragement of Slavery the cardinal principle of its foreign policy. In short, the measure of the dengers of separation is the advantage now dedangers of separation is the advantage now derived from union. Slavery is sufficiently unpopular in the world for a mere slaveholding Commonwealth to run no small risk of becoming the victim of a general crusade.'

Certainly, this is not encouraging.

By going out of the Union, the slave States give up the chance, whatever it may be, greater or less, of getting some portion of the present Territories of the United States, under cover of the Dred Scott decision. Doubtless, the indemnification which they proposed to themselves was the appropriation of Mexico, the restraint of the North being thrown off. But, at this point, in steps England, and declares for herself and for European civilization, that no such procedure will be tolerated. In thus resisting the extension of slavery, England justly counts upon the co-operation of the free States, because, in the language of the London Review, A Northern Union, once divided from the South, would not be long in making the discouragement of slavery the cardinal principle of its foreign policy."

As with the proposed seizure of Mexico, so it would be with the proposed reopening of the African slave trade. We are aware that that

traffic is not now against the law of nations, but it could easily be made so by the concurrence of the Christian Powers. The doctrine that 'might makes right" could never have a more desirable application; and while the South Carolinians were amusing themselves with Grotius and Vattel, they would find themselves snubbed in the slave trade, with as little ceremony as the Barbary Powers found an end put to their

It is needless, perhaps, to add, that in this work of crushing out the slave trade, the free States would not merely co-operate, but would lead off. The true ground would at once be taken, that they have such a general interest in the North American continent as justified and required them to prevent any portion of it from being overrun with African barbarians. And they would take this ground the more readily, if it was attempted to open the slave trade with a view to coercing Virginia and Kentucky into a Southern Confederacy.

To illustrate the strength of this English anti-slavery feeling, to which Mr. Floyd refers. we cut the following extract from an article in the Liverpool Herald of November 24:

The Southern States might certainly form a confederacy, united by the bond of slavery; but what a hideous spectacle it would offer to the Christian world. At present, the horrors of the 'domestic institution' are screened by the Union; dissolve that Union, and its whole deformity would be laid bare. The next ques-tion to be asked is, could Europe hold relations with such a people by accredited resident am-bassadors? England and France very recentby broke off diplomatic relations with Naples, on account of the horrible tyranny of the King and the infamous administration of the law; but, atrocious as were the dungeons of the ther King of the Two Sicilies, they were less diaboli-cal than the slave markets of New Orleans. It is impossible to conceive anything more har rowing to the feelings, than the negro breeding States, where boys are reared for the lash, and girls for prostitution. These iniquities, now existing in full force, are disguised under the po-litical designation of the United States; but they would glare upon us in unspeakable infamy, when confined to the Southern Confederacy a State set apart and based on crimes which Christendom has repudiated with horror. is the retrospect, sad the present moment, sad the future. There may be a servile war, one of the dreadful calamities involving the desolation of all the plantations. There may be a second St. Domingo. It is not permitted to us to read the yet unopened volume, and we can only hope that its pages may not be saturated with blood."

It is these English abolitionists that the South Carolinians are so much in love with, and with whom they are so eager to open a direct trade, in order to gratify a spite against the pro-slavery merchants of New York and Boston. Or rather, it is the pro-slavery merchants of Bos ton and New York whom it is proposed to convert into abolitionists, by breaking up the

If the men who assume to manage for the slaveholders, persevere in the career of folly which they commenced seven years ago, in the repeal of the Missouri Compromise, they will terminate the existence of negro slavery in another seven years from this time. They have already thrown Garrison, Phillips, and Gerrit Smith, into the shade.

TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR.—In our issue of Saturday, the accidental omission of a very small word made us say the very reverse of what we intended. In our abstract of the Opinion of Attorney General Black, on the right of secession, &c., the types made us say that "the Attorney General argues that Congress has constitutional power to declare war against one or more States," &c., whereas it should have been printed, "has no contitution-

SOUTHERN SENATORS IN CAUCUS. - The Southern Senators were in Caucus for several hours on Saturday. No definite conclusions were arrived at, but the general effect of the consultation is known to have been adverse to the secessionists, who are much depressed in consequence. Several Senators from the border slave States protested with energy against a course of proceedings which threatens their slave property with total destruction.

Geosgia .- On Saturday, a member of one of the oldest and most extensive cotton mercantile houses in Georgia, reported here that he did not know a single planter, among the large number dealing with his house, who favored the pending effort at secession. The excitement exists mainly among the whisky-drinking young men, and the "poor whites." This was so in the struggle of 1850, in Georgia.

VIRGINIA .- A member of Congress from Virginia says that the slave property of that State has been depreciated already fifty mil lions of dollars by the action of South Carolina, and that the greatest exasperation against the Palmetto politicians prevails there.

A most appalling and horrid murder was committed in New York, on Friday morning last, between the hours of eight and ten o'clock. The victim was an old widow lady, named Sarah Shancks, who kept a fancy goods and millinery store, at No. 22 East Twelfth street. She was found dead in her bed room, at the rear of the store, with her throat cut from ear to ear, and her head and face mashed almost to a jelly. Robbery seems to have been the motive for the commission of the shocking murder, judging from the ransacked condition of the apartments. The police have thus far been unable to ferret out the assassin.

EARLY IN THE FIELD .- Rev. R. J. Breckin ridge, uncle of the Vice President, has written a letter declaring that if the North insists on using the National Government to put down slavery-or if the South insists on using it to perpetuate and extend slavery—in either case, the continuance of the national Union is impossible. He proposes the nomination of Breck-inridge in 1864, as a cure for the evils of the

ANOTHER MARTYR. - A mechanic, named Wilson, arrived in Rahway (N. J.) last Satur-day, who was expelled from South Carolina at twenty four hours notice. His only guilt was refusing to wear a Palmetto cockade. He is a Northern man of conservative views.

The evidence on both sides in the Burch divorce case has closed, and counsel have com-menced their arguments.

#### NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

Items Telegraphed from Washington. Washington, Dec. 9.—It is stated by distinuished Senators that Mr. Cobb, Secretary of

the Treasury, has resigned.

The amount received from customs last week at New York was about two bundred and fifty thousand dollars, one-third of which was i treasury notes. At this rate, the cash receipts for December may be about eight hundred thousand dollars. For the corresponding month of last year, they were \$2,800,000. It is understood that a treasury loan for ten million dollars, with a pledge of sales of public funds for its redemption, is suggested by Mr. Hunter as preferable to the authorization of the issue of more treasury notes. The latter, it is suppose would at once be at a discount in the mon market. Only a few thousand dollars were received last week on loan accounts.

I hear that the President openly declares that he shak cause the revenue to be collected at Charleston, even if South Carolina secedes at

the time contemplated by her statesmen. Senator Saulsbury, of Delaware, was not present at the caucus of Southern Senators esterday, being confined to his room by

evere throat disease.

Besides the South Carolina Senators, there are still absent from the city Senator Johnson, of Arkansas, Mallory of Florida and Toombs of It is understood that Senators Crittender

Pearce, Green, Powell, and Bayard, strongly urged the expediency of adopting measures for an accommodation of difficulties between the North and the South, but it is not to b disguised that the most moderate or conserva tive of Southern statesmen regard a secession several Southern States as inevitable

It is stated to be an understanding here with Senators and Representatives from the Union, that their ordinances of secession are to declare that all laws and treaties of the United a reunion of the States shall have failed.

THE SOUTHERN CAUCUS.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The Senatorial caucus yesterday was attended by nearly all the Senayesterday was attended by nearly all the Sena-tors from the slaveholding States, from Dela-ware to Florida. Mr. Toombs, of Georgia was absent, not being in the city. Maryland was represented, and Vice President Breckin ridge was also at the conference. It is said that the call did not contemplate any action and certainly none was formally proposed. There was, however, a full and free interchange of opinions, together with some suggestions among them one looking to the call of Southern Convention, with a view of forming a ground of concilation between the two section of the country. The best personal feeling pre-vailed, but, politically, there were no indica-tions to induce a hope that the present difficul-ties will be adjusted. The causus adjourned, without providing for a future meeting; an the impression was, according to report-on the minds of the Senators—that at seven States will secede from the Union.

There are, however, gentlemen who believe nat no means should remain unexhausted to effect a settlement.

The following amendments to the Constitu-tion are privately discussed among others, and are here given merely as an item of intelligence Territory may be acquired by treaty,

but not otherwise. Second. The white inhabitants of any Territory, numbering twenty thousand, shall have the right to elect all officers necessary to its government, under rules prescribed by Con-gress; and the Legislature thereof may deter-mine to recognise slavery or not during its Ter-

ritorial existence. Third. Whenever any Territory, preparatory to admission as a State, having white inhabit ants equal to the number required for a Repre-sentative in Congress, and having submitted its Constitution to a vote of the people, applies for admission, it shall be admitted into the Union, whatever may be its provisions in regard to slavery, upon an equal footing with the origi-

Fourth. Congress shall not in any wise interfere with slavery where it exists under the sanction of law, nor shall it prohibit the transportation of alaves from one slaveholding State

It may be remarked that the above propositions for an amendment to the Constitution do not emanate from a Southern quarter.

Though, politically, prospects are exceedingly gloomy, there are gentlemen who will endeavor so to act that, excepting the Gulf or cotton States, the other members of the Union may remain together, looking to time and to necessity to reunite the retiring members of the Confederacy on a mutually satisfactory basis.

MOVEMENTS IN GEORGIA.

Macon. Dec. 8.—The disunion feeling is still increasing in Georgia. The certainty of the secession of Alabama and South Carolina will tend greatly to strengthen the secessionists of this State. Mr. Cobb, a brother of the Secretary of the Treasury, spoke last night in favor of disunion. He has always been a great Union

man until now.

The fair of the Cotton Planters' Convention at this city has been posponed until next Mon-day, owing to the delay in the arrival of the goods imported direct from Belgium.

HON, J. M. ROTTE ON SECRESION. Alexandria, Dec. 8 .- Mr. Botts's letter on the ubject of secession is an extraordinary pro He declares he will have no pa duction. He declares he will have no part in the wickedness of secession. He thinks that Virginia will not secede. He says the position of South Carolino is bold, plain, daring, and flat footed rebellion against and treason to the rest of the States. He thinks the only question volved in the South Carolina imbroglio is whether it is worth while to keep her in the Union. He believes that the Federal laws should be enforced in South Carolina, notwithstanding an ordinance of secession. He is generally quite bitter on the secession party.

New York, Dec. 9.—Commander Page, one

of the officers of the La Plata exploring expe-dition, arrived here to-day.

Buenos Ayres has been annexed to the Argentine Confederation. The United States brig Dolphin sailed from Buenos Ayres October 21st, for New York.

e bark Weaham, from Baltimore, arrived at Buenos Ayres October 24.

THE KANSAS TROUBLES.

Leavenworth, Dec. 8.—Advices from Fort Scott to the 3d inst. are to hand. The Federal troops were acting as a posse comitatus to the United States Marshal, and had arrested seven persons for being engaged in the late murders. No resistance was offered. The troops would move to Mound City on the 4th inst.

Fort Kearney, Dec. 8.—Two coaches from Denver city on the 3d inst., passed here yesterday. Henckley's express messenger has \$16,000 in treasure. Charles Harrison, a saloon keeper, shot James Hill dead on the 2d inst., and fied.

CONVICTION OF A MURDERER. Boston, Dec. 8 .- James Hurley, who killed

William Laughrey, while the latter was arresting him for a burglary, committed some months since, was to-day found guilty of murder in the second degree.

Augusta, Dec. 8.—A number of spurious bills on the Mechanics' Bank of Augusta are in circulation. The counterfeits are printed in colored inks. None of the genuine notes of this bank are printed in colors

#### THIRTY-SIXTH CONGRESS. Second Session.

Monday, December 10, 1860. SENATE.

Usual opening services.

Mr. Bigler offered a resolution that the egular standing committees be the same as ast session, vacancies to be filled by the Vice

Mr. Latham moved that the memorial which presented last Thursday be taken up and referred to the proper committee; agreed to.

Mr. Sumner asked leave to introduce a me

morial in reference to Kansas relief bill, and desired it referred to the Committee on Terri ories; granted. On motion, the resolutions of Mr. Powell

ere taken up. Mr. Powell said every Senator must see the duty of prompt action—the necessity of ex-hausting every means to secure an amicable adjustment. Our fathers went to work when they saw danger. We should follow their ex-ample. We should go to work at once. He ample. We should go to work as once, the hoped these resolutions would pass, and that the most wise and able Senators from all sections of the work and the most wise and able to the most wise all the most wise and able to the to secure it.

Mr. King. I should prefer that it be referred to the regular committee; he proposed some verbal amendments, which he thought the Senator from Kentucky would not object to. Mr. Yules inquired the purpose of the Sen-stor of New York in offering those amend

Mr. King explained, that it was for the

greater security of person.

Mr. Green. There is a commotion, an excitement, an embittered feeling; something

must be done. This committee may fail. I know there are desponding hearts. I hope all will pause and think. I shall not say the fault is on one side or the other; it will be time enough after the committee has reported. Something must be brought to bear, to regulate public opinion. No change of Constitution would be worth a straw without a change of public opinion. The re peal of the laws at the North would not weigh eal of the laws at the North straw, unless it comes as the opinion of the people. There are but two ways to maintain a Government, public opinion or force of arms. Mr. Green is speaking as we go to press.

The House met at the usual hour, and was alled to order by the Speaker.

Rev. Mr. Jenkin, of Virginia, then offered a rery solemn and impressive prayer, in which allusion was made to the present state of the country, and hope expressed that God, in his

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country, and hope expressed that Go infinite mercy, would avert the storm. After the reading of the Journal— Several communications were received from e Secretary State, which were appropriately

Mr. Vallandigham, of Ohio, then stated that he desired the gentleman from Florida [Mr. Hawkins] would withdraw his call for the preious question on the motion to excuse that gentleman from services on the committee

Mr. Hawkins observed that it was his inten-tion, when he came here to-day, to have with-drawn his call for the previous question, as he himself desired to submit some remarks on the himself desired to submit some remarks on the question before the House.

He then proceeded to deliver a speech on his

motion to be excused from serving on the committee. His views had been not only misinderstood, but misrepresented. In the course the had taken, he had only followed his own ideas of right and wrong, and had asked no counsel. After he had marked out his own course, he had held consultations with memers from the extreme South, and they had all with one or two exceptions, agreed to the posi-tion he had taken. Florida would arrange som definite point to act from in less than thirty days. If he had agreed to take a position on the committee, he would have placed his State in a false position. His State had already ta ken initial steps towards separating from the Confederacy. She will, on the 3d of January next, take such step as will be compatible with

her honor and dignity.
Switzerland, as one of the sovereign Powers of Europe, is entitled to the same political consideration as Russia. Florids, for the same reason, is the peer and equal of New York. Week as she is, she cannot be forced to remain n. Whenever she chooses to go out she will do it. An attempt at coercion would be resisted by all portions of the Southern Con-federacy. Virginia is pledged not to see her Southern sisters coerced to remain in the Union. Therefore, he hoped there would be no more sneers at the course of Florida.

Florida was determined to settle for herself. and in her own way, the manner of redress She would take into consideration the action of this committee.

While he had received no special instruc tions, he believed himself virtually instructed, no matter how it came. The action already taken in his own State found a ready response in his own heart.

He had no confidence in constitutional com-promises. They had always produced crimi-nation and recrimination, each party accusing the other of bad faith in their execution. The formation of the committee was unfor

The formation of the committee was unfor-tunate and ill advised. If the Speaker had consulted his own judgment, he believed he would have acted differently.

He regretted that no member of the Demo-cratic party of the Northwest had been ap-

pointed thereon. A great majority of the com-mittee did not represent the opinion of their own States. own States.

He then alluded to the appointment thereon of Mr. H. Winter Davis, saying that he (Mr. D.) had been repudiated by the Legislature of his

own State, and was not, therefore, a true representative of its interests. It would be impossible to stop the agitation of the slavery question; he had no hope of it.

Mr. Lincoln ought to have issued at least a few

words, defining his position. Mr. Trumbull was the only person who had yet spoken by author ity, yet he had given them no assurance.
Five States were certain to secede—South
Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, and Alabama : and he believed Louisiana, Arkansas,

nd Texas, would follow.

Mr. Vallandigham said he would not vote to compel a member to serve on the committee. He believed the danger was imminent, and he protested against the arrangement of the

He was still speaking when our reporter left.

In Indiana, an infant found on a door-step has been christened Stephen A. Douglas, for the reason that the little fellow was in search of his mother.

The United States census proves that we might better afford to lose three successive crops of cotton than one crop of grass.

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